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FM AMEMBASSY TOKYO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5885

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMCONSUL HONG KONG

AMEMBASSY MANILA

USLO PEKING

AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

CINCPAC CP H M SMITH HAWAII

COMUSMACTHAI

COMUSJAPAN FUCHU JAPAN

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI, TW, TH, JA

SUBJ: REDEPLOYMENT OF C-130 SQUADRONS FROM TAIWAN

REF: STATE 154313

1. PARA 7 REFTEL INSTRUCTS EMBASSY TOKYO INFORM GOJ OFFICIALS OF IMPENDING MOVEMENT OF C-130 SQUADRON, BUT EMBASSY INSTRUCTED ALSO NOT RPT NOT INFORM GOJ IN RESPECT OF DRAWDOWN OF BALANCE OF TAW AT TAIWAN. EMBASSY CONSIDERS IT IMPORTANT THAT WE BE AUTHORIZED TO INDICATE TO GOJ, THAT, WHILE NO FINAL DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE RESPECTING WITHDRAWAL OF REMAINDER OF TAW, WE HAVE NO RPT NO PLANS INCONSISTENT WITH POSSIBILITY OF EVENTUAL DEPLOYMENT OF WING AT KADENA. IN CONTEXT OF P-3 RELOCATION PROGRAM AT KADENA, EMBASSY ALREADY HAS POINTED OUT TO GOJ THAT EMPLACEMENT OF TAW AT KADENA IS PLANNING FACTOR, AROUND WHICH P-3 DEPLOYMENT MUST BE BUILT. ACCORDINGLY, WHILE WE HAVE CAUTIONED GOJ THAT NO RPT NOT DECISION RESPECTING TAW DEPLOYMENT AT KADENA HAS BEEN MADE, GOJ UNDERSTANDS THAT WE

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MUST RETAIN POSSIBILITY AT KADENA FOR TAW REDEPLOYMENT. THERE.

2. SHOULD EMBASSY CARRY OUT INSTRUCTION AS CONTAINED IN PARA 7 REFTEL, GOJ CERTAINLY WILL ASK WHETHER GOJ PLANS RESPECTING TAW DEPLOYMENT TO KADENA IN FACT HAVE JELLED AND REMOVE TAW AS PLANNING FACTOR FOR P-3 REDEPLOYMENT. UNLESS SUCH PLANS IN FACT HAVE BEEN MADE, EMBASSY BELIEVES WE MUST PROTECT OUR ESTABLISHED POSITION BY INFORMING GOJ AT SAME TIME WE CARRY OUT INSTRUCTIONS IN PARA 7 THAT WITHDRAWAL OF SINGLE SQUADRON FROM TAIWAN DOES NOT RPT NOT IMPACT UPON NECESSITY OF RETAINING TAW PLANNING FACTOR AT KADENA.

3. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS ASAP.
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